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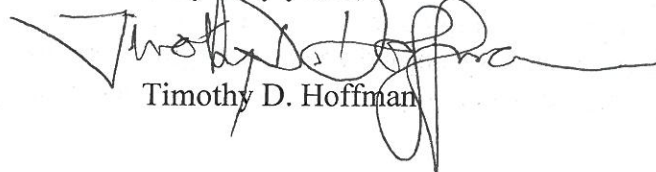
**Re: Mullins Rubber Products, Inc. ("Mullins")
Letter from Ohio EPA Dated February 9, 2012**

Dear Ms. Orr:

I have been retained by Mullins to assist in connection with the issues raised in your letter of February 9, 2012. It is unfortunate that Mullins has been put in this situation through no fault of its own. Mullins has used ground water for its non contact cooling water since its inception and this development jeopardizes its continued existence. I am certain the folks at Mullins made that clear to Ohio EPA. However, Mullins has taken a very expensive initiative that will result in discontinuation of the use of the injection wells for non contact cooling water. Mullins has hired a contractor to design a re-circulating chiller system that will cost in excess of \$150,000. Mullins is also working with the City of Riverside to try to secure an EDGE Grant to assist with its funding. Mullins will know about the EDGE Grant approval around the end of May. If the grant is approved the new system will be installed over the July shutdown. If it is not approved installation will need to be delayed to allow Mullins to accumulate the funding for its installation. Since the use of the injection wells will be discontinued Mullins will not be sampling the existing non contact cooling water to preserve valuable financial resources that can go toward the new system.

I will keep you posted on the progress of this project as it unfolds.

Very truly yours,



Timothy D. Hoffman

cc: Mr. Bill Mullins, Sr.
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